

1. During the period 2-5 October 1979, [] visited the Marshall Library at the Virginia Military Institute. VMI is located in Lexington Virginia with the Marshall Library being the repository of the William F. Friedman Collection. This collection was donated to the library at the time of Friedman's death in 1969.

The purpose of this trip to the Marshall Library was to review the correspondence between William F. Friedman and Colonel George Fabyan, of Riverbank, during the years 1915 through 1935. Related documents suspected of containing data on the Riverbank-War Department partnership were also sought.

2. The William F. Friedman Collection is arranged as follows:

General Correspondence

Government Service

Commissioned Service

Civil Service

Retirement

National Security Agency

Contracts

Consultant

Classification of Documents and Publications

Library

Congressional Relief Bill

Patents

Speeches and Writings

Numerical File

Certificates and Awards

Photographs

There are approximately 300 items in the Friedman-Fabyan correspondence file, found in Numerical file index #734. A few of these items were copies of National Archives documents (RG 165, E4131-27) but most were original copies of correspondence not already viewed or available from other sources. The material in file 734 will expand the information that D4K

has already accumulated regarding the activities at Riverbank and of the War Department in Washington D.C. during the World War time period.

The file relating to Herbert O. Yardley was searched and found to contain documents not already in D4's possession. However, the material did not provide any information bearing on the topic under investigation. The file contained correspondence between Friedman and Yardley, Manly, Moorman, Vogel, Wollner and several others. The theme of discussion throughout the file was generally Yardley's publication of The American Black Chamber.

The photograph and Lithograph file was scanned. The subject of the Lithographs was Medieval characters engaged in cryptographic activities. The photograph file contained some formal pictures of military personnel upon which personal notes to Friedman were written. Among the photos were a few informal shots of Friedman.

3. The Friedman file relating to his own investigation into the Beale Cipher was reviewed and notes were taken for D4I records.

4. Mr. Tony Crawford, the Marshall Library Archivist, offered complete cooperation in locating the material being sought. He independently searched his files for data which may have been of use in my project.

The vault housing many of Friedman's documents was shown to me as was the the collection of books, newspapers and assorted material belonging to Friedman. The Marshall Library usually declines requests to Xerox large numbers of documents from their collections, however, they did agree to copy every document for which I requested this service.

It is my impression that D4's relationship with the Marshall Library is quite good. This is evidenced by their cooperation in providing us with all the material we requested and D4's gift of a number of declass-